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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, to which a Reply was due September 30, 2004. Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested. A two-month extension of time petition is included herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.